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Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Hogan of Stow) celebrating Victor A. Tomyl and his lifetime achievements and contributions, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Victor
Tomyl.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3907) of Claire D. Cronin (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Brockton be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said city. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Brockton,—
liquor
licenses.

By Mr. Moran of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3908) of Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Lawrence be authorized to establish a program for enforcement against illegal bars and illegal casinos. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Lawrence,—
bars and
casinos.

By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3909) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Groton. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Groton,—
investments.

By Mr. Moran of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3910) of Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the death of city of Lawrence police patrolman Jacob Eyssi; and

Lawrence,—
Jacob Eyssi.

By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3911) of Todd M. Smola and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) that police officers in the police department of the town of Palmer be exempt from the provisions of the civil service law.

Palmer,—
civil service.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jay D. Livingstone that a certain playground on the Esplanade in the city of Boston be designated as the Gronk playground. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Boston,—
Gronk
playground.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of James J. O’Day and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Julie DeRosa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health. To the committee on Public Service.

Julie
DeRosa,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Lunenburg to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises to Jaxx Country Variety (House, No. 3813), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Recess.

At five minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-eight minutes before three o’clock the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Papers from the Senate.

The engrossed Bill relative to transferring federal funds to the federal COVID-19 response fund (see House, No. 3827, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof a new text) with a further amendment striking out section 4 (inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the following section:

COVID-19
response fund.

“SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and after the transfer under section 3, the secretary of administration and finance shall expend any remaining funds not subject to the transfer under section 3 allocated to the commonwealth from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund received pursuant to section 602 of Title VI of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 802, to protect against emerging public health threats or to support new, heightened or emergency public health response efforts against the 2019 novel coronavirus and variants thereof.”.

The further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the further amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2483) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to tobacco harm-reduction. To the committee on Public Health.

Tobacco harm-reduction.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2484) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to third party settlement organizations. To the committee on Revenue.

Third party settlement organizations.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to transferring federal funds to the federal COVID-19 response fund (see House, No. 3827, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

COVID-19 response fund.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill re-enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

Representative Lewis of Framingham then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Andrew J. Rogers, Jr., a member of the House from Framingham from 1975 to 1984, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at three o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.